

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 2 beginning at page 4, with the following amended paragraph:

The handle 20 is manually ~~engagable~~ engageable by the user and may be made from any suitable material. The handle has oppositely disposed first and second ends 22 and 24 and main body portion 26 between the ends. The lever 30 is pivotally attached to the first end 22 of the handle 20. The lever 30 has an end portion 32 for engaging the outside of the mouth 14 of the bottle 16. The lever 30 may also include a bottle cap opening portion 34. A blade or cutting member 36 may be pivotally attached to the second end 24 of the handle 20.

Please replace paragraph 3 beginning at page 4 and ending on page 5, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

The shaft 40 is pivotally attached to the main body portion 26 of the handle 20. First and second helical spikes 50 and 52 project from an end portion 44 of the shaft 40. The helical spikes 50 and 52 comprise a pair of intertwined corkscrews. According to the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 1-4, the first and second helical spikes 50 and 52 extend around the axis 42. The spikes 50 and 52 extend in a helical pattern about the axis 42 at the same, constant radius R1. The radius of the helical spikes 50 and 52 should be \

selected so that the spikes will fit into a cork in a standard 750ml bottle but are also well suited for removing a cork from an oversized bottle.

Please replace paragraph 1 beginning on page 6, with the following amended paragraph:

Alternatively, the helical spikes 50 and 52 may be formed integrally with the shaft 40, such as by casting. If the shaft 40 is cast, it is contemplated that a fillet (not shown) may be added at the junction of the helical spikes 50 and 52 and the end portion 42 44 to strengthen the junction and minimize stress concentrations at the connecting portions 54. The fillet at the junction of the helical spikes 50 and 52 and the end portion 42 also helps to reduce bending stresses in the connection portions 54 of the helical spikes under tensile (or pull-out) loads.

Please replace paragraph 1 beginning on page 9, with the following amended paragraph:

In addition to the rack teeth 222, the shaft 220 includes a manually ~~engagable~~ engageable knob 226 at the upper end of the shaft and first and second helical spikes 50 and 52 that project from the lower end of the shaft. As described previously, the helical spikes 50 and 52 comprise a pair of intertwined corkscrews that extend around the axis 42.